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To : Chief, SE
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SUBJECT: GENERAL-Fiend/Param
SPECIFIC-Fig Tree Operational Plan

1. The five-man Fig Tree team completed its two-week training period and was dispatched to Northern Greece on 12 August for infiltration on or about 14 August.

2. Composition:

- a. AIRWISE - Leader
- b. RNDOLLAR - W/T operator
- c. AIRBRAKE
- d. AIRBRED
- e. AIRBORNE

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3. Mission: To infiltrate overland via route reported in SGAA 743, to specifically:

- a. Contact resistance leaders in area of operations.
- b. Conduct reconnaissance and determine conditions within the country.
- c. Send out intelligence by W/T.
- d. Attempt to establish a winter W/T base within the country.
- e. Locate D/Z's for personnel and supply drops.
- f. Attempt to extend net developed last season.
- g. Attempt to set up chain of persons from border to area of operations which could be used for aiding in establishment of E and E net.

4. Training: A very thorough training period was carried out with all members of the team taking an active part. Fig Tree's training consisted of map and compass problems, firing, assembling and disassembling of weapons, marches overland in mountainous areas carrying field equipment; in addition reviews were held in first aid, use of concentrated rations, setting up and

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operating the radio set in the field and establishing contact with base. Also, a very thorough review was carried out with regard to D/Z's preparation for drops, setting up of reception committees and storing of arms and equipment.

5. Briefing: The Fig Team briefing was conducted over a period of several days to insure that all our instructions and requirements were understood. The present situation in their area of operation was discussed with the team members and all essential operational information gathered by Willow was disseminated to them. Much time had to be spent in pointing out the various types of information that we required and the proper manner of reporting this information so that full and effective use may be made of it. Fig was cautioned against creating any uprising in their area and was further informed that no derogatory propaganda should be passed out regarding other N.C.F.A. teams. (This was necessary because Willow had reported last year that when they entered the area the people in their bases were told not to cooperate with them by some other N.C.F.A. team.) Because both teams work in relatively the same area, we realize that some undercutting of one another might occur. Fig was briefed to transmit to base all information regarding military units, Sigurimi, security patrols, economic conditions, general unrest among the population, identify supply depots with exact locations and any other information regarding these areas, to examine and exploit all possibilities of defection, to report from time to time on reaction to "leaflets and NCFA radio". Fig was further briefed to expect specific questions from base regarding rumors or reports gained from other sources. In general it was felt that Fig had a good working knowledge of what was expected of them on their mission, and it is truly felt that even if the mission is not of a long duration, Fig will perform their duties to the utmost of their abilities.

a. Fig will break up only in the event that some high level personage desires to leave the country, in which case two of the team members have been instructed to escort him.

b. The code name for exfiltration will be "Fig"; anyone crossing as a result of contact with the team will use "Fig Special." (If unaccompanied by any team member.)

c. In addition to wind "T", Fig will use the letter "R" in Morse code to identify its D/Z on expected drops.

d. In all requests for supplies, Fig will inform base of their needs 4 to 5 days prior to the desired drop period which is to run for 4 consecutive nights.

e. Fig was instructed in the use of the URK-4, but was not provided with one. It is, however, hoped that they can be supplied with this unit on their first resupply attempt.

f. No prearranged resupply date was set up for Fig because the group felt that due to their long absence from the field it would be difficult to foresee any hindrances or complications.

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g. In addition to their specific mission as stated above, Fig will attempt to gather information on documents with the emphasis on procuring documents and Lek to be brought out when they exfiltrate, or to be sent out by some runner.

h. The common briefing for RNDollar was carried out by [] and a detailed plan of that briefing will be forwarded.

i. Prior to Fig team's departure from the Athens area, they were all given physicals and much to our satisfaction were considered sound.

j. We believe that Fig's chances of reaching their operational area safely were increased by the fact that they were mounted during the no moon period and the presence of shepherds roving the high areas would tend to cast less suspicion on the teams' movements toward their operational area.

k. In general we feel that Fig is capable of doing a good job. They have the contacts and the know-how to gather information of value to us, and though RNDollar has at times proven to be somewhat of a problem he is a very competent radio operator.

l. Because of many portions of the briefing being of a general nature, and available in the report on briefings of agents, it was felt that to incorporate all these details in this report would only serve to burden BGFiend headquarters personnel.

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